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SUBJECT: MAP RELEASE/EXCHANGE

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1. WE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO DECLASSIFY AND DE-CONTROL JOINT OPERATIONS GRAPHICS MAP SERIES FOR ULTIMATE RELEASE TO INDIA AND NEPAL. HOWEVER THERE ARE SEVERAL QUESTIONS WE WISH TO RAISE FOR CLARIFICATION WITH REGARD TO USG MARKINGS AND TIMING FOR RELEASE. WE RECOGNIZE IMPORTANCE OF RE-ESTABLISHING MAP EXCHANGE WITH INDIA; HOWEVER, WILLIAM COX, GEOGRAPHIC OFFICER IS PRESENTLY IN KATHMANDU AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE EITHER TO PRESENT MAPS WHILE HE IS HERE TO INFORM NEPALESE OF THE IMPENDING AVAILABILITY THESE MAPS. COX INFORMS US THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THE MAP EXCHANGE WITH INDIA WILL BE RE-ESTABLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE, AND HE EXPECTS LONG, DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS WITH MILITARY SURVEY OF INDIA TO EFFECT AGREEMENT WITH THEM FOR CORRECTION OF JOG SERIES.

2. UNLESS DEPARTMENT FEELS AN INITIAL RELEASE OF MAPS TO NEPAL MIGHT CREATE ADVERSE EFFECTS IN INDO/U.S. MAP EXCHANGE NEGOTIATIONS, WE WOULD LIKE TO INFORM GON THAT MAP SERIES HAS BEEN PREPARED AND WILL BE PRESENTED WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, DEPENDING ON TIME FRAME REQUIRED TO PRODUCE MAPS. ON OTHER HAND, IF DEPARTMENT FEELS PRIOR RELEASE OF SHEETS TO NEPAL

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COULD, IN FACT, ENDANGER PROSPECTS OF CONCLUDING ARRANGEMENT

WITH INDIANS, WE WOULD LIKE AT LEAST TO BE ABLE TO INFORM
NEPALESE MAPS ARE BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE SUPPLIED LATER
THIS YEAR.

3. ACCORDING TO REFTTEL QUOTE ALL USG MARKINGS WILL BE REMOVED
FROM MAPS UNQUOTE. DOES THIS STATEMENT IMPLY MAPS WILL HAVE NO
CREDIT LINE TO INDICATE THEY ARE USG PRODUCT? WE SEE NO PROBLEM
IN NEPAL IN HAVING USG IDENTIFIED AS SOURCE.
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